

## PROFILE OF THE SOCIETY

The society, 'Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action' is registered with the Registrar of Societies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi under the Societies Registration Act 1860 vide No. S-48001 of 2003-04. It is also registered as a Voluntary Organization with the Planning Commission of India. It has Income Tax Exemption Certificate under 80G IT Act and foreign contribution certificate under FCR Act.

The mission of the society is promotion of performing arts and facilitating holistic human development. The society essays the cause of spreading awareness among today's youth about rich cultural heritage of India. Through various art forms like music and dance and other courses painting, tabla playing etc., the society endeavors to evolve complete individuals proud of their heritage. The emphasis is on our inclusive and composite heritage. The society has also pledged to work on many socially relevant issues through research and analysis, documentation, dissemination, building human and intellectual capital and assisting policy formulation and advice. It functions as a not-for-profit voluntary agency, which undertakes projects for improving and securing the quality of life of people and creates awareness for sustainability.

### Activities of the Society

The society has been organizing major events during the last several years and students of Gurus associated with the society have performed at national events in different States of the country. The Gurus associated with the Society run regular classes on dance (Odissi, Western, Folk), music (singing), casio playing, tabla, harmonium, clay-modelling, sculpture, candle-making etc. for residents of East Delhi living in Jagriti Niketan, Vivek Vihar, Anand Vihar, Yojana Vihar, Shrestha Vihar, Kalyanpuri, Jhilmil etc. and also for adjoining areas of Ghaziabad such as Chander Nagar, Surya Nagar, Ramprastha, Kaushambi and Brij Vihar. The Society is also involved in teaching of Odissi dance to special gifted (mentally and physically challenged) persons.

During 2003-05, the society organized six events. The first one was on April 25, 2004 in the **Kamani Auditorium**, New Delhi where Guru Alpana Nayak presented an Odissi Dance recital. **Shri K. Jayakumar, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture**, Government of India was the Chief Guest. The second one was on May 7, 2004 in the **L.T.G. Auditorium**, New Delhi, where the students of the Gurus associated with our Society presented a cultural evening titled "**Indradhanush 2004**". The highlight of the evening was the dance item performed by **specialty gifted students (mentally challenged)**. Many dignitaries including **Mr. N.P. Tripathy, IRS, DG Income Tax, New Delhi, Dr Satbir Silas Bedi, IAS, Government of NCT of Delhi and Guru Hare Krishna Behera** attended the event as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively. Our **special students** performed at the **International Youth Day** celebrated at the **India International Centre**, New Delhi, on 11 August 2004 and got standing ovation from the audience. The students of our Gurus also performed on the occasion of Janmastami at **Ghaziabad** and got great appreciation. The fifth event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was on November 16, 2004 at the **India Habitat Centre**, New Delhi, where Guru Alpana Nayak presented an evening of Odissi dance. **Mr Wajahat Habibullah, IAS, Secretary Textiles**, Government of India was the Chief Guest and **Miss S. Aparna, IAS, Ministry of Urban Development**, Govt of India was the Guest of Honour. The sixth event was at **Dehradun in Uttaranchal state** where the students of Guru Alpana Nayak performed in the "**Virasat Festival**" jointly organized by REACH, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Textiles, ONGC etc.

To our credit, **Miss Ayushi and Miss Akriti Tyagi** two talented disciples of Guru Smt. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak participated in the **All-Delhi Classical Dance Competition** organized by MTNL at Talkatora Indoor Stadium in November 2004. **Miss Ayushi bagged the first prize.**

During 2005-06, the society organized six events. The first one was in May, 2005 in the **SAI International Auditorium**, Lodi Estate, New Delhi where the students of the gurus associated with the training institutions of the society presented a cultural evening titled "**Indradhanush 2005**". In this programme **special gifted students also performed alongside normal children to thunderous applause of the audience.** The programme was inaugurated by **Ms Sushma Chaudhary, IAS, Special Advisor (of the rank of Secretary to Government of India), Planning Commission of India** and presided over by **Padmashri Madhavi Mudgal, Principal, Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya,**

New Delhi. Our students performed at three national level performing arts events organized in the national capital and got standing ovation from the audience. These events were widely covered by print and electronic media. The fifth event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was in November 2005 at the Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi, where Guru Alpana Nayak presented an evening of Odissi dance. Smt Jayanti Pattanayak, former Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, was the Chief Guest and Mrs Anuradha Makwana Mall, IAS, Ministry of HRD, Government of India was the Guest of Honour. The sixth event was at India International Centre, New Delhi on 30 December 2005 where Guru Alpana Nayak presented an evening of Odissi. Prominent persons among the audience were Judges, MPs, journalists, bureaucrats, and art lovers. The Lt Governor, Delhi Shri B.L. Joshi was the Chief Guest and appreciated the dance of A.L.P.A.N.A..

To our credit, all the students of Gurus associated with our organization won laurels in the All-India professional Classical Dance and Music examinations conducted by the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra. Our students participated in the All-Delhi Classical Dance Competition organized by MTNL in November 2005 and won top prizes.

During 2006-07, the Society organized many events. Guru Alpana Nayak and her students performed in presence of the Hon'ble President of India in the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 18 April 2006. On May 14 the society organized "Indradhanush 2006" where about 78 students of different gurus associated with the society presented an evening of dance and music. Shri A.K. Rath, IAS, Addl Secretary & Financial Adviser Ministries of Steel, Biotechnology and Ocean Development, Government of India was the Chief Guest. Shri G. S. Patnaik, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Delhi presided the function and Prof. (Dr.) Rajalaxmi Rath, Senior Fellow at the Nehru Museum & Library was the Guest of Honour. The Odissi Dance Troupe of the society performed to thunderous applause of the audience at the VIRASAT Festival 2006, Dehradun in October 2006.

On November 12, 2006 the society organized SAMBHAV 2006 the 1<sup>st</sup> SAMBHAV an event of classical dance and music exclusively put up by the mentally challenged artists trained by Guru Alpana Nayak. Shri BL Joshi, HE the Lt Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest. Shri SK Roongta, CMD, SAIL presided over the event while Shri V Ramamurthy, CEO, HCL Infosystems was the Guest of Honour.

In December 2006 Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi at India Habitat Centre as part of HCL Series. Shri P.P. Srivastava, Hon'ble Member (MoS Rank), NEC was the Chief Guest. Our students also participated in the All-Delhi Classical Dance Competition organized by MTNL in November 2006 and won top prizes.

During 2007-08, Guru Alpana Nayak presented Odissi evenings at Port Blair, Mahabalipuram, Nungambakkam, Chamba, New Delhi, Ladakh etc. She also performed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Odissi Dance Festival 2007. The society presented INDRADHANUSH 2007 at PSK, Delhi. Shri Rajesh Verma, IAS, Financial Advisor & JS Govt. of India was the Chief Guest while Shri I. C. P. Keshri, IAS, Ministry of Commerce, Gol presided. Mrs. Suchitra Dorai, IFS, Ministry of External Affairs and Mr Suyash Prakash, IAS, Secretary to Govt of NCT Delhi were the Guests of Honour.

In October-November 2007 our students won First and Second prizes in the All Delhi Classical Dance Open Competition at MTNL Perfect Health Mela.

In November 2007, on the eve of Children's Day, A.L.P.A.N.A. organized another important event called the 2<sup>nd</sup> SAMBHAV 2007 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The event consisted of two parts. A seminar on 'Specially Gifted Persons and the Performing Arts' was held in the morning, and the afternoon was devoted to performances. The performances were by special children from A.L.P.A.N.A., Educatum Foundation, Jeevan Jyoti Home of the Missionaries of Charity (all from Delhi), and Nityananda troupe from Orissa. In the morning session Shri P.P. Shrivastav, Hon'ble Member (Union Minister of State rank), North East Council was the Chief Guest and Shri Jagadananda Panda, IAS, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs presided over the session. Ms. Leela Venkatraman, Dance Critic and Author, Ms. Shruti, Musician and Educationist, Ms. Sharon Lowen, Odissi Exponent, presented their papers in the first technical session which was chaired by Shri P.L. Verma, Member Secretary, IRCEN, New Delhi. Ms. Tripura Kashyap, Dancer Choreographer and Therapist, and Ms. Kanak Sudhakar, Choreographer and Dance Therapist, presented lecture demonstration in the second technical session which was chaired by Kalaimamani Dr. S. Natarajan, Secretary, Nungambakkam Cultural Society, Chennai. Shri Tejender Khanna, HE the Lt Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest of the Cultural Event in the afternoon, which was presided by Shri R.S. Pandey, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Steel.

In January 2008 one of our senior disciples Ms. Ayushi Nayak performed Odissi dance in Mahabalipuram Dance Festival 2008, Brahmagan Sabha, Chennai and Nungambakkam Cultural Academy, Chennai along with Guru Smt. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak.

To our credit, all the students of Gurus associated with our organization won laurels in the All-India professional Classical Dance and Music examinations conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra in Nov-Dec 2007. 95% of our students passed in 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

During 2008-09 our Society continued its work. In May 2008, the society presented **INDRADHANUSH 2008** at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi to a packed auditorium of art aficionados, journalists and art critics. **Dr SD Pradhan**, former Secretary to Government of India in the Prime Minister's Office was the President of the event. **Padmashree Guru Ranjana Gauhar** was the Chief Guest. **Shri Shekhar Vaishnavi**, Secretary, Sahitya Kala Parishad, Govt of NCT Delhi was the Guest of Honour. In October 2008 our students performed in MTNL Health Mela, New Delhi and won top honours.

**Kumari Ayushi**, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak was awarded the prestigious Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) **Scholarship 2008** in Odissi Dance by the, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

In November 2008, the Society organized the biggest event, so far, in its six years of work, **SAMBHAV 2008 the 3<sup>rd</sup> SAMBHV**, an international event for and by physically and mentally challenged persons. Organisations which participated in the event were from **Jeevan Jyoti Home of the Missionaries of Charity (Delhi, India)**, **Educatum Foundation (Ghaziabad, UP, India)**, **Sunera Foundation (Colombo, Sri Lanka)**, **National Federation for the Disabled (Kathmandu, Nepal)**, **"Sahaya" Red Cross Centre (Orissa, India)**, **DrakTsho Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities (Thimpu, Bhutan)**, and **National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (Dhaka, Bangladesh)**. The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was **Ms. Indira Jaisingh**, eminent jurist, lawyer and human rights activist. **Dr. Arvind Gupta**, IFS, **Lal Bahadur Shastri Chair, IDSA, Delhi** who presided over the session, and **Mr. Bhagaban Shankar**, IAS, **Director, North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India**, was the distinguished guest of the session. The event consisted of two parts. There was an international seminar in the morning, and performances by the specially gifted artists from different organisations in the evening. The seminar consisted of two technical sessions: the first one had "Dance, Movement and Theatre as Therapies" as its theme, and the second one was based on "Challenges and Possibilities: Our Experiences". The people who made presentations at the seminar were **Ms. Sunethra Bandarnaike (Sri Lanka)**, **Dr. Ambika Kameshwar (Chennai, India)**, **Mr. S.K. Jha (Gujarat, India)**, **Ms. Shila Thapa (Nepal)**, **Guru Syed Salalludin Pasha (Delhi, India)**, **Mr. Chorten Dorji (Bhutan)** and **Mr. Shamsul Arefin (Bangladesh)**. **Mr. Oscar Fernandes (Minister of Labour, Govt. of India)**, was the Chief Guest, at the International Performances held in the evening and **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah (Chief Information Commissioner, India)**, **Mrs. Leela Ponappa (Deputy National Security Adviser, India and Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat)**, **Sister Sherin (Missionaries of Charity, Northern Community, India)**, **Mr. C.R. Jayasinghe (the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India)**, **Mr. Durgesh Man Singh (the Ambassador of Nepal to India)** and **Mr. Liaquat Ali Choudhury (the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India)** were the distinguished guests. After the performances all the performers received a standing ovation from the audience.

In February 2009, **Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe** performed Odissi Dance at the world famous **Surajkund Mela**.

During 2009-10 many activities were taken up. **INDRADHANUSH 2009** was celebrated at **PSK, New Delhi** in May 2009. At **Indradhanush 2009**, **Shri C. Phunsog, IAS (Retd)**, **Chairman PESB** and **Hon'ble Nasib Singh, MLA East Delhi** were Chief Guest and Distinguished Guest respectively.

Our student **Miss Vasudha Kohli**, a disciple of **Guru Alpana Nayak**, bagged the prestigious Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) **Scholarship 2009** in Odissi Dance by the, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

In November 2009, we celebrated **SAMBHAV 2009**, the fourth **SAMBHAV**, It was a two-day-long event at three different venues (India International Centre, FICCI Auditorium and India Habitat Centre) in New Delhi where challenged artists of fourteen groups from ten countries participated: **Deaf Biblical Ministry-Nagaland**, **Himalchuli-Nepal**, **Mary Chapman School for the Deaf-Myanmar**, **SWID-Bangladesh**, **PROF CHANNARONG'S ART FOR ALL GROUP-THAILAND**, **A.L.P.A.N.A.-New Delhi**, **SAHAYA-Orissa**, **ATP-Nigeria**, **UMANG-Rajasthan**, **Ramana Sunrityalaya- Chennai**, **Mauritius**, **Tarayana Foundation-Bhutan**, **School for Deaf Ratmalana- Sri Lanka** and **School for the Blind Ramayana -Sri Lanka**. The first half of both the days was dedicated to the international seminar, with participants from the invited countries. Evenings of both days were full of performances by groups from the ten participating countries. The performance on 14th November was held at FICCI Auditorium, whereas the performance on 15th November was held at India Habitat Centre. The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah**, the **Chief Information Commissioner of India**. The Chief Guest for first day evening performances was **Mr. Mukul Wasnik**, **Minister of Social Justice and**

Empowerment, Government of India. Smt. Gursharan Kaur wife of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was the Chief Guest, Smt. Nirupama Rao, Foreign Secretary and Mr. Chewang Phunsog, Chairman, PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board) were the special guests for second day evening performances.

To our credit, 100% of our Odissi Dance students passed in 1st Division in the All-India professional Classical Dance and Music examinations conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Maharashtra in Nov-Dec 2007. Our Student Miss Prapti Gupta won First prize in solo dance category and our students won Second Prize in group dance category in MTNL Perfect Health Mela in October 2009. Prapti also won top prize in National DAV Dance Competition at Dehra Dun in October 2009.

The Embassy of Nepal in India (BP Koirala India Nepal Foundation) invited our organization to work towards promotion of India-Nepal people to people contact on promotion of culture and heritage. Our organization organized HIMSAGAR FESTIVAL in collaboration with the Embassy of Nepal at Kamani Auditorium in November 2009 where Guru Smt. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak & Miss Ayushi Nayak performed Odissi Dance along with other artists from India & Nepal.

In December 2009, Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi at Nungambakkam Arts Festival, Chennai. In January 2010, our organization received invitation from the Embassy of the Russian Federation to explore the possibility of working in the area of disability and performing arts in collaboration with NGOs based in Russia.

Our student Miss Sonakshi Jain bagged First position in the singing competition organized by Saraswati Sangeet Kala Kendra, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad. She also bagged Third position in the singing competition organized by Vivekananda School, Anand Vihar, New Delhi.

During 2010-11 we continued our work with zeal and many activities were taken up. In July 2010, we celebrated **INDRADHANUSH 2010** at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra (PSK), New Delhi where our special children performed classical as well as folk dance and music along with other children. Noted Odissi Danseuse Smt. Geeta Mahalik presided over the function, Shri Rakesh Jain, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Power, Government of India was the Chief Guest and Ms. Roopa Srinivasan, Director, Ministry of culture, Government of India was the Guest of Honour of the event.

Our NGO got affiliation/recognition by Indira Gandhi National Open Univeristy (IGNOU). When natural calamities visited LEH, LADAKH in August 2010 our members, students, parents and well-wishers went from door to door in Delhi and collected relief materials for the victims. Our NGO airlifted huge amounts of relief materials to Leh with kind cooperation of Resident Commissioner of J&K, Deputy Commissioner Leh and Kingfisher Airlines.

On 14 August 2010, we started a new offering, the **BHOOMI PRANAM**, in which TWO OF OUR ODISSI DANCE disciples, Ayushi Nayak and Amrit Setia became professionals and Guru Alpana Nayak blessed them in a spectacular performance by both of them at India International Centre to a packed audience.

**SAMBHAV 2010** became a major celebration in 2010 in the national capital following the Commonwealth Games. The growing participation, words of advice extended by people supporting the cause of bringing the Specially Gifted persons to the mainstream of society, encouraged us to make an effort to organize SAMBHAV 2010 as a major Global Event with the participation from sixteen countries such as (India, Pakistan, Indonesia, England, Canada, Nepal, Bangladesh, Nigeria, South Africa, Malaysia, Thailand, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Myanmar and Russia) SPANNING FIVE CONTINENTS. The event was organized at India International Centre, Main Auditorium, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-110003 on 13 & 14 November 2010. SAMBHAV 2010 included: i. International Seminar on Inclusive Performing Arts and Dance as Therapy for challenged persons; ii. International Exhibition of paintings and artifacts made by challenged artists and iii. International Event of Performances by challenged artists. Interaction by resource persons and participants from abroad was organized in a special school situated in the National Capital Region. HE the Governor of UP, Shri B.L. Joshi; Amb Suresh Kumar Goel, DG ICCR; Shri Wajahat Habibullah, CIC; Dr AK Baliyan, CMD Petronet; Dr Subhas pani, Chairman ITPO; Arch Bishop Vincent Concessao; Smt Shiela Dikshit, CM Delhi and Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble HRD Minister were among the Chief Guests at various events of SAMBHAV 2010.

Smt. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi in the Indian Centre for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Horizon Series at Azad Bhavan, New Delhi on 19 November 2010. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak and her troupe presented an evening of Odissi dance at the closing event of India International Trade Fair 2010, New Delhi on 27 November 2010.

Our challenged disciples travelled abroad, for the first time, and presented Odissi Dance at the International Disability Day Celebrations at Dhaka, Bangladesh on 7 December 2010. Guru Alpana Nayak performed Odissi Dance at the prestigious Public Library Auditorium, Dhaka on 8 December

2010. Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi at the prestigious **Music Festival Season at Nungambakkam Cultural Academy, Chennai** on 31 December 2010. Our troupe and Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed at **SPRINGFEST 2011** at IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal on 21 January 2011 and at **KALIDAS SAMAROH**, Nagpur on 4 March 2011.

Our disciple, Master Abhisekh Rana got **First Prize in painting competition** for challenged children organized by NMNH in February 2011. For the first time A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)**, Ministry of Environment & Forests, celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by organizing a four-day event, **RANGOTSAV** by organizing an art & craft workshop for especially talented children at National Museum Auditorium from 22nd to 25th March 2011. Sixty two challenged students from different schools of the national capital participated.

On 29 March the **Ambassador of the USA in New Delhi, HE Timothy Roemer** invited President, A.L.P.A.N.A. to the US Embassy and encouraged the work of the NGO in the area of disability and culture.

During 2011-12 we expanded our activities. **INDRADHANUSH 2011** was celebrated on 14 May 2011 at New Delhi with participation of about 85 of our students including special students to a packed auditorium at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra. **Dr Justice Arijit Pasayat** (Former Justice Supreme Court of India) and **Amb Amarendra Khatua** were among Chief Guests of the event.

Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi at **Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur** and conducted LECDEM at **Temple of Fine Arts, Penang & KL** and at **YMCA KL** during her tour of Malaysia in June 2011. Our delegate, **Dr Anupama Singh** participated in international conference and workshop on challenged persons organized at **Bangkok by Art for All Foundation / UNESCAP** in July 2011.

Senior Disciples of Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak presented **BHOOMI PRANAM - A SALUTE TO MOTHER INDIA** at India International Centre, New Delhi on 14 August 2011. **Dr. Vivek Kumar Agnihotri**, Secretary General of **Rajya Sabha** was the Chief Guest and **Guru Sharon Lowen**, internationally renowned Odissi Exponent and Scholar was the Distinguished Guest of the evening. **Amrit Setia**, **Arushi Tiku**, **Ayushi Nayak**, **Pragati Malik**, **Vasudha Kohli** and **Vitasta Tiku** were the senior artistes who performed in Bhoomi Pranam.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed in **FLAGGING OFF CEREMONY** on 3rd November 2011 at Delhi Haat and **FLAGGING IN CEREMONY** on 3rd December 2011 at Delhi University organized by National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple disabilities.

SAMBHAV 2011, the sixth edition of **SAMBHAV**, showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from **18 countries** including India, was concluded in the weekend of 12 & 13 November 2011 with a resounding success. The two-day festival in November 2011 attracted groups from **Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Colombia, Germany, Nigeria, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka and Thailand** besides groups from **New Delhi, Bhopal, Mizoram and Odisha**. Hon'ble President **Smt Pratibha Devi Singh Patil**, Hon'ble Prime Minister **Dr Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Human Resources Development Minister **Mr Kapil Sibal**, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs **Mrs Perneet Kour**, Hon'ble Delhi Chief Minister **Mrs Sheila Dikshit** and German Federal Government's Commissioner on Disabled Persons **Mr. Hubert Hueppe** were among the dignitaries who sent their felicitation messages wishing **SAMBHAV 2011** a grand success. **Mr. Wajahat Habibullah**, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities inaugurated **SAMBHAV-2011** on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at India International Centre. It included a series of seminars on challenged persons, an exhibition of art and craft by challenged artists and performances by as many as **ninety-eight challenged performers from twenty-two groups belonging to sixteen countries** at two venues, the India International Centre and the India Islamic Cultural Centre. Hon'ble Union Minister for Culture **Kumari Selja** was the Chief Guest while renowned danseuse **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh** presided over the function on 12 November 2011. Hon'ble Mr. Justice **A.K. Patnaik** of Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest while Chief Central Information Commissioner **Mr. Satyanand Mishra** presided over the function on 13 November 2011. **SAMBHAV 2011** set a landmark in **international cooperation for inclusive arts** by providing a platform, where **eleven Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)** were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the representatives of organisations from eleven different countries that have been working for inclusive growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts. In the International Art Exhibition segment of **SAMBHAV 2011**, about **120 high quality paintings by challenged artists from Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Russia, Sri Lanka and Mongolia** were displayed at India International Centre. **Mr Aleksandr Pushilko** from Russia conducted a painting workshop. Also on display were craft items produced by challenged craft-students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute.

On 3 December 2011, A.L.P.A.N.A. celebrated **World Disability Day** in collaboration with the National Museum of India at New Delhi. Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, **Dr Annapurna Diskhit** was the Chief Guest at the event. In her inspiring speech she called upon the participants,

challenged artists and audience to work together towards the fulfilment of noble goals of social inclusion.

Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe participated in the **International Odissi Dance Festival 2011** and performed Odissi Dance at Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 25 December 2011 to a packed audience. **For the first time any troupe of special students performed Odissi dance in International Odissi Dance Festival.** The Festival set a new record in Guinness Book of World Records.

Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe performed Odissi Dance at the **Surajkund Mela 2012**. The challenged artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. travelled to Sri Lanka performed Odissi and folk items at the **Very Special Peace Festival at Colombo**, Sri Lanka organized by Very Special Arts- ESCO Rehab Sri Lanka from 9 to 14 February 2012. Guru Alpana Nayak conducted Lecture cum Demonstration of Odissi Dance at **University of Visual and the Performing Arts, Colombo** as an activity of the India Cultural Centre, Colombo on 10 February 2012.

A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)**, Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a two-day event, **RANGOTSAV 2012** by organizing an art & craft workshop for specially talented artists at National Museum of Natural History, Barakhambha Road, New Delhi on 28 and to 29 March 2012. Sixty eight challenged artists from different schools of the National Capital Region participated. Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH and Smt. Shashiprabha Tiwari, eminent Journalist & Dance Critic were Distinguished Guests at the valedictory function.

Guru Alpana Nayak and A.L.P.A.N.A. Troupe performed Odissi at the **internationally famous Elephanta Festival, Gateway of India, Mumbai on 24 March 2012** to rousing welcome by the audience.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2012-13:** Experts from A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute participated in the World Autism Awareness Day organized on 2 April 2012 at India International Centre organisation by the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

**INDRADHANUSH 2012:** was celebrated on 19 May 2012 at PSK, Delhi where about 100 of our students including our special students participated. **Shri Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India was the Chief Guest and Senior Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka and, Odissi Danseuse and Kendriya Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Smt. Geeta Mahalik, were the Distinguished Guests of the event.**

**COLLABORATION WITH UVPA, SRI LANKA:** On 20 May 2012 A.L.P.A.N.A. organised a unique lecture-cum-demonstration at the India International Centre, Delhi on "Similarities and Differences Between Indian and Sri Lankan Classical Dances." It was conducted by Snr. Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka and Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Mr. C. Phunsog, Chairman, PESB was the Chief Guest and Mr. Samantha Pathirana, Minister Counsellor, Sri Lanka High Commission in India was the Distinguished Guest of the event. An MoU was signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo, Sri Lanka on faculty development and cultural exchange programmes between the two organisations. Many dignitaries and renowned dancers were amongst the audience.

**AWARD & FELICITATION:** It was a pride moment for Guru Alpana Nayak when she was conferred with "Usha Rani Samman" award by her *alma mater*, the Nriyta Sangeet Kala Mandir, Balasore, Odisha on 9 June 2012 at a special felicitation event organised at Balasore.

A.L.P.A.N.A. Institution achieved a major distinction and was awarded affiliation and recognition by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Miraj, Maharashtra as a training and examination centre.

**INCLUSIVE ARTS IN URBAN SLUMS:** In May, 2012 DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD (DUSIB) allotted a BASTI VIKAS KENDRA (BVK) at Kalyanpuri, East Delhi. Dr Amrish Singh Gautam, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly and the local MLA inaugurated the BVK Centre of A.L.P.A.N.A. in a function organized on 31 May 2012. A.L.P.A.N.A. started by organizing awareness generation activities about the Centre for disabled persons in the locality through door-to-door visit and distribution of leaflets. Vocational training in photography and in making of office stationery materials such as file covers, paper bags, cards, earthen diya etc. to orphaned persons with disability is organized. Exhibition of products made by trainees was done at Art for All Conference, Thailand in August 2012 and at **Diwali Mela** in Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi in October 2012.

Two of our special students and Ms. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak participated in "Art for All > ASEAN," an UN-ESCAP sponsored International Conference and Workshop on challenged persons organized by the Art for All Foundation, Bangkok in collaboration with Ministry of Culture of Thailand and on 1-5 August 2012.

**BHOOMI PRANAM:** On 19 August 2012 two of our Odissi Dance disciples, Aarushi Tikoo and Vitasta Tikoo became professionals by presenting "BHOOMI PRANAM", an evening of Odissi Dance at India International Centre, New Delhi to a packed audience. **Padma Bhushan Smt. Swapna Sundari, internationally renowned Kuchipudi Exponent and Scholar and Dr. Venu V., IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India** were the distinguished guests of the event.

**WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE IN MONGOLIA:** Guru Alpana Nayak and Ms. Priyadarshini Tripathy, Secretary of A.L.P.A.N.A. visited Mongolia on an invitation from ZORIG Foundation, Mongolia from 2-8 September 2012. Ms. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi Dance at India Culture Centre, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and conducted Workshop on Dance Therapy at Art University, Mongolia organised by Arts Council of Mongolia. She & Ms. Tripathy also visited many special schools and interacted with special students.

On 13 September 2012 Ms. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak performed Odissi dance in NRITYA VILASA, an Odissi Dance Festival organised jointly by A.L.P.A.N.A. and Nritya Dhara at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

In October 2012, our student **Miss Uma Gupta**, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak, bagged the prestigious Ministry of Culture (CCRT) National Cultural Talent Scholarship for 2012.

**SAMBHAV 2012:** The seventh edition of SAMBHAV, showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 19 countries including India, concluded in the weekend of 9, 10 & 11 November 2012 with a resounding success. The three-day festival attracted groups from Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Colombia, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Maharashtra and Assam. It included International seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an exhibition of art and craft by the challenged artists from participating countries, signing of MoUs and performances by twenty three troupes from nineteen countries at India International Centre, New Delhi. International Art and Craft Exhibition was inaugurated by **Dr. Alok Mehta**, Chief Editor, National Duniya. SAMBHAV 2012 set a landmark by providing a platform, where 6 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. Society and the representatives of organisations from six different countries which have been working for inclusive growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts. The MoU signing ceremony was chaired by **Ambassador R.M. Agrawal and Deaconess Linda Olissa E Middleton, JP, Nigeria/USA**. SAMBHAV-2012 was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Smt Gursharan Kaur** whereas **Ms Stuti N Kacker, Secretary, Dept. of Disability Affairs, Government of India, Shri Sudhir Vasudeva, Chairman, ONGC and Shri R.N. Nayak, Chairman, Powergrid Corporation** were the distinguished guests. "It is unimaginable to see that these specially gifted Children are so talented and full of life and colors. It is truly overwhelming and heart touching," these were the words of **Smt Gurusharan Kaur**, social activist and wife of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on the inaugural event. On second day **Hon'ble Justice Shri Dipak Misra** of Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest and **Shri Anil Goswami, Secretary, Min. of Social Justice & Emp, Government of India** was the Distinguished Guest. Differently abled artists from A.L.P.A.N.A., Sri Lanka (Supun Dance Academy), Bangladesh, Myanmar and Vietnam performed on that day. Justice Shri Misra praised the efforts and hard work of Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak, President of A.L.P.A.N.A. and also A.L.P.A.N.A. NGO for making it possible for so many differently abled artists to put up their performances at one platform. For the closing ceremony **Shri Anand Sharma, Hon'ble Commerce & Industries Minister** was the Chief Guest where as **Shri C.S Verma, Chairman, SAIL and Shri Sanjaa Suren Bayara, HE the Ambassador of Mongolia** were the Distinguished Guests. The highlight of the evening cultural programme was SAMBHAV, a dance ballet presented jointly by the special students of A.L.P.A.N.A., Supun Dance Academy of Srilanka and SWID of Bangladesh. It was conceived and choreographed by Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak. Other performances of the evening were by the special artists from Mongolia, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, India-Nagpur, Sri Lanka- ESCO and Afghanistan. "I am overwhelmed by seeing so much talent of challenged people at one platform and this has been possible only because of A.L.P.A.N.A., the NGO" said **Shri Sharma. Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and Human Resource Development Minister Shri Kapil Sibal** sent their felicitations to A.L.P.A.N.A. Society wishing SAMBHAV 2012 grand success.

**RESEARCHER FROM GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA:** Ms Teone Reinthal, an Australian woman filmmaker and performance director with disability, Board Member of Arts Access Australia and completing her PhD on the topic of the beneficial relations between performance, art and marginalisation at Griffith University, Queensland, Australia carried out research on the activities on inclusive arts being done by A.L.P.A.N.A.

**RIGHTS OF WOMEN & CHILDREN:** Our special students were invited to perform on 18 November 2012, at the Vatsalya Mela, an event organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development,

Government of India and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) at Delhi Haat, New Delhi. A.L.P.A.N.A. Institution was among the few who were selected by the NCPCR to this event.

**ALL INDIA EXAMINATIONS:** Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute appeared in the professional examinations Music and Dance conducted by the venerable Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Miraj, Maharashtra in December 2012. 98% of our students passed in First Class.

**COLLABORATION WITH UVPA SRI LANKA:** To operationalize the MoU of signed on 20 May 2012 between A.L.P.A.N.A. and University of Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, Snr. Prof. Jayasena Kottagoda, Vice Chancellor, UVPA and Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA were invited by A.L.P.A.N.A. to conduct workshop for students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute. The workshop culminated at the India International Centre in the first week of January 2013 where media persons and dignitaries were invited. Lt Gen (Rtd) Narayn C Mohanty, PVSM, AVSM was the Chief Guest of the event on 2 January 2013.

**NATIONAL AWARD FOR DISABILITY CEREMONY:** As a rare honour to A.L.P.A.N.A., our special students' band was the only performing band at the National Award Distribution Ceremony organized by the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India at Vigyan Bhavan on 6 February 2013. **Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee** who was the Chief Guest spent a lot of time with our special students' band. **Ku Selja, Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and Smt Stuti Kacker**, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs felicitated our students.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY:** Our students, Prapti Gupta, Kriti Rustagi, Pihu Srivastava, Devika Seth, Pragati Mallik, Tanvi Datta, Anuprerna Duggar and Ila Kaushik participated in the International Women's Day event at NOIDA on 8 March 2013.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-14: INDRADHANUSH 2013, 10th Annual Event** of A.L.P.A.N.A. was celebrated on 18 May 2013 at Poorva Sanskritik Kendra, Delhi where about 100 of our students including our special students participated. A.L.P.A.N.A. has been organizing *Indradhanush* since 2004. The event is designed to celebrate and showcase holistic development and inclusive growth of normal and physically and mentally challenged persons in the society. It is planned to be a unique demonstration of the 'will to succeed together'. **Shri G. S. Patnaik**, IAS, Secretary to the Vice President of India was the Chief Guest and **Kendriya Sangeet Natak Academy Awardee Odissi Guru Shri Ramani Ranjan Jena** was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Sri Lanka Guru Alpana Nayak was invited by the UVPA to conduct workshops and lecture demonstrations to teach the basic techniques of Odissi Dance to the students and faculty of UVPA. Guru Alpana Nayak was accompanied by her senior disciple Miss Ayushi Nayak.

**RANGOTSAV:** A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)**, Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a three-day event, **RANGOTSAV 2013** by organizing an art & craft workshop for specially talented artists at National Museum of Natural History, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi on 24, 25 and 26 July 2013. Sixty challenged artists from different schools of the National Capital Region participated. In the valediction function **Mrs Dharitri Panda**, ICAS, Senior Financial Advisor, ICMR, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and **Mrs. Shashi Prabha Tiwari**, an eminent journalist and dance critic along with **Dr. Reena Dey**, Scientist-C & H.O. of NMNH graced the occasion as distinguished guests.

**BHOOMI PRANAM:** Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak and her senior disciples - Ayushi Nayak, Amrit Setia, Vaishali Saini and Ila Kaushik presented **Bhoomi Pranam**, a Salute to the Mancha (Stage) based on Acharya Nandikeshwar's Abhinaya Darpana at Main Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC) New Delhi on 25 August 2013. **Shri Keshav N. Desiraju**, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India was the Chief Guest and **Shri Sanjiv Mittal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

**CCRT SCHOLARSHIP:** In October 2013, our student Miss Pihu Shrivastava, a disciple of Guru Alpana Nayak, bagged the prestigious Ministry of Culture (CCRT) National Cultural Talent Scholarship for 2013.

On the eve of Diwali - the festival of lights, handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed, sold and highly appreciated by the people in an exhibition organized by Sardar Patel Vidyalyaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi.

**SAMBHAV 2013, the eighth edition of SAMBHAV** showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 14 countries including India concluded in the weekend of 08, 09 & 10 November 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The three-day festival attracted groups from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Malta, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, USA, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Karnataka and Kerala. **SAMBHAV**



2013 had the unique privilege of receiving the **live video inaugural message from Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee**. **SAMBHAV 2013** included the activities of: International Seminar on "Challenges of working with Persons with Disability for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts", the Forum for International Cooperation where four MoUs were signed, the International Exhibition of paintings, sculptures and artifacts made by **challenged** artists and the International Event of Performances by challenged artists from different countries. The welcome ceremony was chaired by **Mrs Suchitra Durai**, IFS, former Head, Indian Cultural Centre, Cairo and Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The International Art and Craft Exhibition was inaugurated by eminent artist and painter **Shri Satyasewak Mukherjee**. The MoU signing ceremony was Chaired by **Shri Dammu Ravi**, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The International Seminar was inaugurated by **Prof M C Misra**, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi. The closing event of the Seminar was chaired by **Ms Sujaya Krishnan**, Joint Secretary (Mental Health) Govt of India. The International Seminar was coordinated by **Prof KES Unni**, HoD Psychiatry, LHMC, Delhi University. **Shri BK Goswami**, Chancellor, Sir Padampat Singhania University Udaipur, former Chief Information Commissioner **Shri Satyananda Mishra**, Special Secretary Health **Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava**, HE High Commissioner of India to Libya, **Shri Anil Kumar Trigunayat** and HE High Commissioner of Malta to India **John Aquilina UOM** were the distinguished guests of the evening performances on 8 November 2013. On the second day **Shri Wajahat Habibullah**, Chairman, National Commission on Minorities, Government of India was the Chief Guest and **Shri P. K Jha**, Addl Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and **Shri SM Khan**, Director General, DD News were the Distinguished Guests. **Shri Anand Sharma**, Hon'ble Commerce & Industries Minister of India was the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony. **Shri G C Pati**, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and **HE Mr Prasad Kariyawasam**, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India were the Distinguished Guests.

**ALL INDIA EXAMINATIONS:** Students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute appeared in the professional examinations in Music and Dance conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Miraj, Maharashtra in December 2013. Majority of our students passed in First Class and several students got Distinction as well.

**UTKALINI:** Our special students performed Odissi dance at the Annual Event of Utkalini held at SAI International Auditorium, Lodi Estate, New Delhi in December 2013. Hon'ble Governor of Odisha was the Chief Guest of event.

**SAMARTH, A NATIONAL EVENT:** In January 2014, A.L.P.A.N.A. was selected by the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India as Nodal Agency for assisting the Institute of Physically Handicapped in organization of the national event "SAMARTH" showcasing the abilities of persons with disabilities. SAMARTH was held at Siri Fort Auditorium on 16 and 17 January 2014. The event was inaugurated by **Smt Sonia Gandhi**, Chairperson, UPA in presence of **Ku Selja**, Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and **Smt Stuti N Kakkar**, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Disability Affairs. About 80 groups consisting of 400 participants with disability from all over India took part in SAMARTH. Our students performed in the inaugural event and won top awards.

**MAGH MELA 2014:** Guru Alpana Nayak and her troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. students performed Odissi dance at Magh Mela 2014 in Allahabad on the invitation of NCZCC. The performance was on 28 January 2014.

**20<sup>TH</sup> CLASSICAL DANCE FESTIVAL AT GOA** organized by Kala Academy Goa in collaboration with West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur: Guru Alpana Nayak and her troupe of A.L.P.A.N.A. students performed Odissi dance at the 20<sup>th</sup> Classical Dance Festival in Panjim, Goa. The performance was on 01 February 2014.

**SPECIAL ABILITY:** Our special students performed Odissi dance on 7 February 2014 at Special Ability, an event jointly organized by A.L.P.A.N.A. and Impresario Indi at India International Centre, New Delhi.

**KHAJURAHU DANCE FESTIVAL 2014:** Guru Alpana Nayak performed Odissi dance solo at the prestigious Khajuraho Dance Festival 2014 on 24 February 2014. Her performance was telecast live across the world on DD BHARTI.

**MAITREE: A LANDMARK IN COLLABORATION WITH UVPA SRI LANKA:** The Association For Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.) in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Colombo, Sri Lanka presented "Maitree: Fusion of Odissi and Sri Lankan Dance Forms" at Azad Bhavan Auditorium of ICCR in New Delhi on 29 March 2014. Both UVPA and A.L.P.A.N.A. embarked upon this uncharted territory and conceived Maitree as a fusion of Odissi and Sri Lankan Dance forms to be staged at New Delhi. **Shri Satish C. Mehta**, Director General, ICCR was the Chief Guest and **HE Mr Prasad Kariyawasam**, High Commissioner Sri Lanka and **Ms. Suchitra Durai**, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs were the Distinguished Guests of the evening.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2014-15: INDRADHANUSH 2014, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Event** of A.L.P.A.N.A. at Azad Bhawan Auditorium (ICCR), IP Estate, New Delhi was a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers and singers and special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. As the rainbow with its vibrant colours fills the heart of the beholder with joy and enjoyment, the artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. mesmerized the audience with different varieties of dance and music. **Shri Satyanarayan Mohanty, IAS, Secretary (NDMA)** in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest of the event and **Shri Chandra Kishore Mishra, Additional Secretary** and Mission Director of National Health Mission of Government of India was the **Distinguished Guest** of the event.

Our disciples performed Odissi at Thyagraj Nagar Jagannath Mandir Rath Yatra festival in July 2014. They also performed at CSOI Vinay Marg at the event of ICS & IAS Officers Wives Welfare Organization on 23 July 2014.

**RANGOTSAV 2014:** A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)**, Ministry of Environment & Forests organized a three-day Art & Craft Workshop called Rangotsav. Fifty five challenged artists from different schools of the National Capital Region participated. In the valediction function **Mr Anil Sant, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest.

**BHOOMI PRANAM:** Senior Disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak presented **Bhoomi Pranam**, an evening of Odissi Dance at India International Centre, New Delhi on 17 August 2014. Dr. Vaishali Saini, a senior disciple of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak, made her solo debut through Mancha Pravesh and other senior disciples of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak presented 'Devi', a special choreographic presentation. **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh**, internationally renowned Odissi Exponent and Scholar was the Chief Guest and **Smt. Helen Acharya, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Academy** was the Distinguished Guest of the evening.

On the eve of Diwali, the festival of lights, handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold in an exhibition organized by Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi. People appreciated the efforts of A.L.P.A.N.A. in making the special students able to produce those artefacts.

**SAMBHAV 2014**, the ninth edition of **SAMBHAV** showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 14 countries including India concluded in the weekend of 14, 15 & 16 November 2014 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The three-day festival attracted groups from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Mauritius, Myanmar, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Bangaluru, Gujarat, Silong and Tirupati. It included **International Seminar** on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an **Exhibition of Art and Craft** by the challenged artists from participating countries, **signing of MoU, yoga lessons and performances** by twenty three troupes from sixteen countries at India International Centre, New Delhi. **SAMBHAV 2014** was launched in the morning of 14 November 2014 by **Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Science and Technology, Government of India**. The Welcome & Introduction Ceremony of **SAMBHAV 2014** witnessed **Shri K.K. Mittal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India** as Chief Guest. Career Diplomat **Mr Anwar Haleem, Ambassador of Mongolia to India** **Mr Sanjay Suren Bayara and Counsellor (Culture) in Russian Embassy** **Ms Nana M Mgeladze** were the Distinguished Guests at the welcome ceremony. Carrying their national flags, twenty three groups from sixteen countries attired in their country's national dress took Sambhav pledge to work towards inclusive growth through inclusive arts. Art and craft exhibition was inaugurated by **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Kapila Vatsayan**. The MOUs were signed with organisations from Russia, Mauritius, Myanmar and South Africa. The MoU signing ceremony was chaired by Career Diplomat **Ms Sripriya Ranganathan**. The inaugural event in the evening started with a video message by **Mr Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India** and a message from **Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Honourable Prime Minister of India**. **Padma Vibhushan Dr Kapila Vatsyayan, Eminent Scholar and Historian** was the Chief Guest. **Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. A. K. Balyan, MD & CEO, Petronet LNG Ltd** were the distinguished guests of the evening. On the second day **Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India** was the Chief Guest. **Smt. Stuti N Kacker, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Government of India** and **Shri Prakash Mishra, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India** were the Distinguished Guests. For the closing ceremony **Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Honourable Judge, Supreme Court of India** was the Chief Guest. **Shri H.K. Dash, Secretary in the Inter State Council Secretariat, Government of India** and **H.E. Prof. Sudarshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India** were the Distinguished Guests.

A.L.P.A.N.A. Society added another feather to its cap in February 2015 when it started a new training institution in its own premises at Jhilmil Colony, East Delhi.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2015-16:** Maitree, a cultural programme of joint India - Sri Lanka production (between A.L.P.A.N.A. and UVPA Colombo) was held at Azad Bhavan, ICCR, New Delhi on 7 April 2015. Disciples of Guru Alpana Nayak, Guru Alpana Nayak herself and disciples of Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, Dean, Faculty of Dance & Drama, UVPA, Colombo, Sri Lanka participated in the joint production. Odissi component was choreographed by Guru Alpana Nayak. Kandayn and Sri Lankan component was choreographed in an in-house workshop at A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute by Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi. **HE Mr M R K Lenagala, Deputy High Commissioner, Sri Lanka** was the Chief Guest at the event.

**INDRADHANUSH 2015, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Event** of A.L.P.A.N.A. at Azad Bhawan Auditorium (ICCR), IP Estate, New Delhi on 23 May 2015 is a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers and singers and special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. As the rainbow with its vibrant colours fills the heart of the beholder with joy and enjoyment, the artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. mesmerized the audience with different varieties of dance and music. The distinguished guests at INDRADHANUSH 2015 were **Shri Umang Narula, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.** and **Padmashree Geeta Mahalik, the noted Odissi exponent.**

In accordance with the terms of the MoU signed between A.L.P.A.N.A. and the University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA), Sri Lanka, Guru Alpana Nayak was invited by the university from 25.05.2015 to 06.06.2015 for conducting workshops on Odissi dance. Guru Alpana Nayak was accompanied by her senior disciples Amrit Setia, Pihu Shrivastava, Prapti Gupta, Disha Kannan and Pragati Malik. Guru Alpana Nayak and her disciples conducted various workshops and lecture demonstrations of Odissi dance, and gave several performances in the university.

Our organization received invitation from the "Art for All" Foundation Bangkok to take part in the event, Art for All in celebration of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary at the United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok and at Arayana, Nakorn Ratchasima Province, Thailand. Six delegates from our organization including three of our artists with disability took part in the international workshop and performances funded by UNESCAP and Ministry of Culture of Thai Government from 28 July to 3 August 2015. At the workshop, our art teacher Ms Alka Agrawal conducted classes for international participants with special ability.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2015**, an evening of Odissi Dance was organised by Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.) at Main Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 23 August 2015. **Shri Devendra Chaudhry, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and Sangeet Natak Academy Awardee **Odissi Guru Shri Shudhakar Sahoo** was the Distinguished Guest of the evening. The highlight of the evening was presentation of "Nartaki", a special choreography based on Acharya Nandikeshwara's "Patra Lakshyanam" from Abhinaya Darpana and other traditional Odissi Dance Pieces performed by Amrit Setia, Disha Kannan, Vaishali Saini, Prapti Gupta, Pihu Shrivastava, & Devika Seth, the senior disciples of Guru Alpana Nayak.

**RANGOTSAV 2015:** A.L.P.A.N.A. in collaboration with Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India organised "**Rangotsav 2015**"- an art and craft workshop and exhibition for the special children (physically and mentally challenged children) on 8 & 9 October 2015. **Ms Indira Murti, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of PWD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr M. L. Meena, Deputy Secretary, Department of Empowerment of PWD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Director, IPH, Shri Lalit Kumar, Deputy Director, IPH** and other dignitaries were present at the valediction ceremony.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at the **Foundation Day celebration of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi, where **Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Children's Rights Activist and the winner of Nobel Peace Prize 2014** was present in the event as the Chief Guest. On the occasion of **Diwali Mela** at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi, a two-day exhibition on 17-18 October 2015 was organized, where handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold. People appreciated the efforts of A.L.P.A.N.A. in making the special students able to produce those artefacts. Our students got first and second positions in Heritage Festival (Indian Classical Dance Competition) at **22nd "MTNL Perfect Health Mela 2015** at Talkatora Indoor Stadium New Delhi organised jointly by Heart care Foundation of India (HCFI) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) from 4th-8th November 2015.

**SAMBHAV2015:** The tenth edition of **SAMBHAV**, showcasing the artistic talent of physically and mentally challenged artistes from 16 countries including India, concluded in the weekend of 13, 14 and 15 November 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi with a resounding success. The three-day festival, attracted groups from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Wales besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka,

Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and West Bengal. **SAMBHAV 2015** was inaugurated in the morning of 13 November 2015 by **Shri BK Goswami, Hon'ble Chancellor of Sir Padampat Singhania University**. Art and craft exhibition was inaugurated by **Shri Wajahat Habibullah, former Chairman, National Commission for Minorities in India** on 13 November 2015. The inaugural event on the first evening started with a video message by **Mr Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India** and a short film on ten years of **SAMBHAV** journey. **Smt Stuti N Kacker, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in India** was the Chief Guest. **HE Syed Muazzem Ali, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in New Delhi** and **Shri RN Nayak, Former CMD, Powergrid** were the distinguished guests of the evening. On the second day, for the first time in **SAMBHAV** ambit, an International Art and Craft workshop was held. All the participants from twelve countries participated in the workshop. The International Seminar sessions were chaired by **Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Director, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for Physically Handicapped**. In three sessions of the seminar eight papers were presented by resource persons from Australia, Wales, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Russia and Nepal. At **SAMBHAV 2015** Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) was signed between **A.L.P.A.N.A Society** and **EQUART of Wales, UK**, which have been working for inclusive growth of mentally and physically challenged persons through performing arts. On the second day evening, **Shri Lov Verma, Federal Secretary of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in Government of India** was the Chief Guest. **Dr Jagdish Prasad, Director General Health Services and ex-officio Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the Government of India** and **HE Mr Deep Kumar Upadhyay, Ambassador of Neal in New Delhi** were the Distinguished Guests. On the third day, an International Yoga workshop was conducted by expert from **S-VYASA, Bengaluru**. All the participants from twelve countries participated in the workshop. For the closing ceremony on the third day, **Dr Upendra Tripathy, Federal Secretary of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in Government of India** was the Chief Guest. **Dr Arun K Panda, Additional Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the Government of India** and **Shri UP Singh Additional Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in the Government of India** were the Distinguished Guests.

Very talented Special students of **A.L.P.A.N.A.** presented Superlative Dance Performance to the best of Hindi film songs in **Doordarshan Programme "Meri Awaj Suno"** held on 22 November 2015 at Siri Fort Auditorium. Special students of **A.L.P.A.N.A** presented a fabulous Cultural programme on the Celebration of **annual day of NHFDC** on 27th January, 2016 at PHD House, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. **Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India** was the chief guest of the event.

The **World Culture Festival 2016** a three day event was organised by **The Art of Living** celebrated the diversity in cultures from across the world while simultaneously highlighting our unity as a human family. Forty of our young dancers participated in the Odissi Segment and at the closing ceremony of the festival.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2016-17:** Not only in Delhi, our students also mesmerised the audience with their outstanding performances at the **Odisha Day ( Utkal Diwas)** celebration at Ludhiana, Punjab on 10 April 2016.

**INDRADHANUSH 2016:** The 13th Annual Event of **A.L.P.A.N.A.** was held at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi on 21 May 2016. It was a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers, very talented senior disciples of Guru **Smt. Alpana Nayak** and singers and special students of **A.L.P.A.N.A.** **Shri M. L. Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India** was the Chief Guest and **Shri Padma Lochan Sahu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Govt. of India** was the Distinguished Guest of the event.

Guru **Smt alpana Nayak** along with her senior disciples performed Odissi dance at the **Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Nruty Sangeet Kalamandir, Balasore, Odisha, India** on 5 June 2016. Talented dancers of **A.L.P.A.N.A.** performed at the **"Sradhanjali Samaroh 2016"** on the 31st remembrance of Guru **Dr. Debaprasad Das** on 16 July 2016 at **Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

Our organization received invitation from the Ministry of Culture of Thailand to participate in the **"Art for All 2016"** event organised by the Ministry of Culture of Thailand in collaboration with **"Art for All"** Foundation from 14 - 20 July 2016 in Bangkok and Nakhon Ratchasima Province of Thailand. Four people from our organization including two of our artists with disability namely **Abhishek Rana** and **Tanmay Aggarwal** took part in the international workshop and performances. At the workshop, our art teacher **Ms Alka Agrawal** conducted classes for international participants with special ability.

As a rare honour to **A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute**, on the auspicious occasion of **Accessible India Campaign** event **"Ride for Accessibility"** at India Gate, New Delhi on 24 July 2016 **A.L.P.A.N.A.**

Divyang students had prime place in performances. The Mega Event was witnessed by **Union Cabinet Ministers and Bollywood Stars**.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2016**: A.L.P.A.N.A. organised **Bhoomi Pranam 2016**, an evening of Odissi Dance at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 28 August 2016 where Prapti Gupta, senior disciple of Guru Smt. A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak presented Odissi dance. Padma Bhusan Mrs Saroja Vaidyanathan and Shri Anil Kumar Nayak, Chief Labour Commissioner, Govt. of India was the Distinguished Guests of the evening.

On the invitation of High Commission of India in Australia Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak presented Odissi Dance at **India Culture Centre, Sydney** on 30th August 2016. After the performances there was a Question - answer session which was very interesting and fruitful. Five very talented Divyang students with Guru Alpana Nayak participated in the Executive Board Meeting of Asian Federation on Intellectual Disabilities (AFID) held at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 24 September 2016 to 29 September 2016.

On the occasion of **Diwali Mela** at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi, a two-day exhibition on 22-23 October 2016 was organized, where handmade articles made by special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold. HPCL supported part of the activities of A.L.P.A.N.A. in working with Divyangjan and disadvantaged sections.

**SAMBHAV 2016**: The eleventh edition of **SAMBHAV**, supported by Government of India Ministries of Tourism, Social Justice & Empowerment, Culture etc., had participation of Divyang delegates and groups from Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telengana, and West Bengal and was held at India International Centre, New Delhi from 11 to 13 November 2016. **SAMBHAV 2016** included International seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an exhibition of art and craft by the challenged artists from participating countries, signing of Memorandum of Understanding for mutual collaboration, International Yoga workshop, International Art & Craft Workshop, Workshop on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy and performances by twenty five troupe from sixteen countries. The event was inaugurated in the morning by **Shri Anil Swarup**, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India. He exhorted all sections of society to work with the challenged artists. Art and craft exhibition was inaugurated by **Dr Sachidananda Joshi**, Member Secretary of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. An International Art and Craft workshop was held where all the participants from sixteen countries participated and it was a tribute to learning from each other, across the cultures towards an inclusive global society. The inaugural event of the International Performances started with a short film on the ten years journey of **SAMBHAV**. Cultural programme started with a fabulous performance by the special students of 'A.L.P.A.N.A.' Other groups who performed were **The Salvation Army Likoni School for the Blind from Kenya, Sahaya- Odisha, JPUF - Bangladesh, Roma Foundation - Nepal, Cherry Blossom Society - Nagaland, Vietnam Youth Theatre, Pathum Uyana - Sri Lanka, Behala Bodhayan - West Bengal. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta**, Principal Resident Commissioner of Jammu & Kashmir was the Chief Guest and distinguished guests were **Shri Suresh Kumar**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India; **Shri Umang Narula**, Chairman and Managing Director, India Tourism Development Corporation; **Mr Sushanta Kumar Pramanik**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Welfare, Govt of People's Republic of Bangladesh, **Ms Ruth Agesa**, Assistant Director of Ministry of Education, Govt of Kenya and **Mr F. Tashmukhamedov**, Deputy Chairman of the National Academy of Art, Uzbekistan. On the second day of **SAMBHAV 2016**, in the morning, there was Yoga Workshop which was inaugurated by **Dr Ishwar V Basavaraddi**, Director, **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Govt of India** and then yoga workshop was conducted by **Prof. Dr. R. M. Acharya**, from **S-VYASA University, Bengaluru**. International Seminars on "Challenges of working with Divayang Persons (Physically and Mentally challenged persons) for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts: shared experiences" were held. The Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker for the inauguration of Seminar was **Shri Awanish Kumar Awasthi**, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, MSJE. In three sessions of the seminar nine papers were presented by resource persons from Australia, Bangladesh & India (Behala Bodhayan), Kenya, Afghanistan, India (Sahaya) , South Africa, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. **SAMBHAV 2016** was a platform, where Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) were signed between A.L.P.A.N.A Society and Organizations from Uzbekistan, Kenya, Iran and Bhutan. With the effective facilitation of the **Embassy of India in Uzbekistan**, MoU with the Uzbek National Academy of Arts was signed. For this purpose, Government of Uzbekistan deputed their Deputy Chairman of the National Academy of Arts. On the second day evening, **Shri Taj Hassan**, Spl. Commissioner, Delhi Police and **Mrs Meenakshi Sharma**, Addl. DG, Min of Tourism, Gol were the Distinguished Guests. Artists with special abilities from Russia, South Africa, Jeevoday Education Society - Nagpur (India), Myanmar, SWID-

Bangladesh, Cotagala Special School- Sri Lanka, Maa Shraavanvani Mukbadhir Vidyalay - Gujarat (India), A.L.P.A.N.A.(India) mesmerized the audience with their spectacular performances. The specially gifted students of A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute presented a band. On the second day, for the first time in SAMBHAV ambit, workshops on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy were held. Workshops on Dance Therapy were conducted by Supun Dance Academy, Sri Lanka and A.L.P.A.N.A. and Workshop on Music & Rhythm Therapy was conducted by Salubrious Productions, Australia. For the closing ceremony on the third day, Dr. A.K. Dubey, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt of India was the Chief Guest. Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, Airports Authority of India was the Distinguished Guests. Artists from A.L.P.A.N.A. (India), Australia, Hyderabad, Iranian Disabled Scientific & Artists Creation Association - Iran, Art for All-Thailand, Wangsel Institute - Bhutan, Supun Dancing Academy - Sri Lanka, PRAYAS Centre for Special Education and Vocational Training - Jaipur (India) and Pawan Sewa Samiti, School for Deaf - Punjab(India) performed so well and with so much energy and perfect coordination that it was hard to believe that they were Divyangjan. A.L.P.A.N.A. conducted workshops with focus on inclusiveness of Indian heritage, with participation of foreign and Indian Divyang artists at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate, New Delhi on 12 November 2016 and NDMC Primary School, Kaka Nagar, New Delhi on 14 November 2016. A.L.P.A.N.A. provided a guided field exposure of Indian World Heritage Monuments at National Capital, to the foreign and Indian Divyang artists and delegates.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji sent personally written message to A.L.P.A.N.A. wishing all success of SAMBHAV 2016.

Guru Alpana Nayak and five of her disciples Amrit Setia, Devika Seth, Pragati Malik, Akankshya Satapathy and Anoushka Aggarwal performed Odissi Dance at the prestigious Modhera Dance Festival in January 2017. Jayasvi Sajja, Lavisha Gulati, Nerisha Rout, Adrika Das and Anushree dey performed Odissi Dance at Saraswati Pooja Celebration at Jagannath Temple, Jhilmil Colony, East Delhi. Some of our talented students namely Prapti Gupta, Disha Kannan, Nerisha Rout, Adrika Das and Anushree dey performed Odissi Dance at Karkardooma court in the event IPC Challenger Award Ceremony.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2017-18:** Jayasvi Sajja performed Shiva Tandava at Bi-Decadal Celebrations of TRAI (The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) at Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Our most talented Divyang Students presented Skills Training Demo at CSR Fair at Pragati Maidan in the presence of Shri Anant G Geete, Union Minister, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and Shri Babul Supriyo, Minister of State, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**INDRADHANUSH 2017:** the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Event of A.L.P.A.N.A. was held at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi on 29 May 2017. It was a kaleidoscope of different dance and music items presented by the little wonders, budding classical dancers, senior disciples of Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. Nayak and singers and special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. As the rainbow with its vibrant colours fills the heart of the beholder with joy and pleasure, our artists mesmerized the audience with different varieties of dance and music. Dr. Amarendra Khatua, IFS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Director General of ICCR was the Chief Guest and Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India and Dr. Sangita Gosain, Chief Executive of Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha were the Distinguished Guests of the event.

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY:** Divyang Artists of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Odissi Dance and Yoga at 3<sup>rd</sup> International Yoga Day on 21 June 2017 organised by Ministry of Ayush and NDMC at Connaught Place, New Delhi.

**WORKSHOP AND FUSION DANCE PERFORMANCE IN BHUTAN IN JULY 2017:** Guru Alpana Nayak travelled to Thimpu along with her senior disciples and artiste, Amrit Setia, Devika Seth, Akankshya Satapathy and Pragati Malik to conduct Odissi Dance Workshop at the Nehru Wangchuk Cultural Centre, Thimphu (NWCC) under the auspices of India Bhutan Foundation (IBF). Wide publicity of the proposed workshop was done by the NWCC in Thimphu and by A.L.P.A.N.A. on its website and facebook pages, apart from Whatsapp Groups. The Odissi Dance workshop was inaugurated by Shri Jaideep Sarkar, HE the Ambassador of India to Bhutan on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Nehru Wangchuck Cultural Centre, Thimphu. Guru Alpana Nayak and her disciples enthralled the audience with their scintillating Odissi dance performances while introducing the workshop. More than 60 students participated in the workshop. On the last day of the workshop, there was a presentation of Dance items learned, by the participants of the Odissi dance workshops in presence of HE the Ambassador of India. He appreciated the hard work of both participants and Guru Smt Alpana Nayak.

Guru Alpana Nayak had conducted deep research about the cultural bonding between Bhutan and India, especially in Odisha. India and Bhutan have long and deep cultural, social, economic and political bonding. The Odissi dance workshop in Bhutan aimed at mooring the cultural bonds between the two peoples through the medium of dance. Odissi Dance is the oldest classical dance form of India originating in 2nd century BC in Odisha almost during the same period when Lord Buddha was born. Odissi repertory has many references to Buddhism and to Lord Buddha and his teachings. Odissi Dance workshop at Nehru- Wangchuck Cultural Centre, Thimphu conducted by Guru Alpana Nayak worked on this aspect. At the end of the workshop she along with her group and artists from Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA), Bhutan put up a fusion ballet at the India House Auditorium on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. The Ballet was based on the life and teachings of Holy Padmasambhava who had travelled from Odisha to Bhutan to preach Buddhism. **HE Nagsid Lyonpo, Hon'ble Minister of Culture & Human Resources, RGOB** was the Chief Guest of the event and many dignitaries including HE the Ambassador of India to Bhutan were present. **Hon'ble minister** while addressing the audience after the performances said that he saw a performance on the life history of Lord Padmasambhava for the first time in his life. He was amazed by Guru Alpana Nayak's dedication to choreograph and present the India-Bhutan fusion ballet at such short time.

**BHOOMI PRANAM 2017:** A.L.P.A.N.A. organised Bhoomi Pranam, an evening of Odissi Dance at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 20 August 2017 where senior disciple of Guru Smt Alpana Nayak and most talented upcoming Odissi dancer Miss Pihu Shrivastava was introduced to the Cultural world as a professional Solo Dancer through Mancha Pravesh. Shri Rajiv Bansal, Addl. Secretary & FA, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Gol, Shri Shantmanu, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Gol, Shri Praveen Garg, Joint Secretary to Gol, Ministry of Finance, Shri Sambit Patra, Spokes Person of BJP were the Distinguished Guests at the event.

Handmade artefacts made by special students (Divyangjan) of A.L.P.A.N.A. were displayed and sold at different venues and melas such as Dusshera Puja Celebration at RWA Chanakyapuri, New Delhi; **Diwali Mela at BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION**, New Delhi and **Diwali Mela at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya**, Lodi Estate, New Delhi. People appreciated the efforts of A.L.P.A.N.A. in making the special students able to produce those artefacts.

Guru Alpana Nayak along with her disciples including Divyang students performed at **Deep Dharohar Festival** organised by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India at IGNSA, Janpath, New Delhi on 16 October 2017. Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed Oddissi Dance at the **Bal Sangam Festival** organised by the National School of Drama(NSD) on 6th November 2017. On the invitation of Department of Disability, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Gol special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. gave a wonderful performance at the Award Function of Short Film Competition on Divyangjan Sashaktikaran 2017 at Siri Fort auditorium, New Delhi on 9 November 2017.

Our most talented upcoming Odissi Dancers **Nerissa Rout** and **Adrika Das** got 1st prize in Duet Odissi Dance Competition and Nerissa Rout got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Solo Dance Competition at 2nd International Classical Dance Festival & Competition Organized by Nrityanjali, Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29th Oct 2017. Nerissa and Adrika have also got 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Duet Odissi Dance competition at Shilpa Gramya Mela, Ghaziabad.

**SAMBHAV 2017:** **Shri Vijay Sampla, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol** while addressing the SAMBHAV 2017 audience at Azad Bhavan on 11 November 2017 said Divyang persons have won gold medals for India in Olympics many more times than others. In his message, Hon'ble Prime Minister appreciated SAMBHAV 2017 for **"providing the platform to Divyang sisters and brothers to showcase their talents."** The fact that Divyang persons are more able than others has been proved year after year by our NGO since 2006 when SAMBHAV was launched as a platform for showcasing the artistic talents of Divyang persons. SAMBHAV 2017 had expanded its ambit to project India as an inclusive country which is not only incredible.

The twelfth edition of SAMBHAV, supported by Government of India Ministries of Tourism, Social Justice & Empowerment, Culture, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) etc., attracted groups from FOUR CONTINENTS that included Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, Uzbekistan and Vietnam besides groups from Indian States of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan and Telengana. SAMBHAV 2017 was held 10, 11 and 12 November 2017 at AZAD BHAVAN, ICCR, New Delhi. SAMBHAV 2017 was launched in a colourful show on 10 November with all participants wearing their national dress and carrying her country's flag, at Azad Bhavan New Delhi. The flag off was done by **HE Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das, IFS**, the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

SAMBHAV 2017 had International seminars on artistic empowerment of disabled persons, an exhibition of art and craft by the artists with disabilities from participating countries, signing of Memorandum of Understanding for mutual collaboration, International Yoga workshop, International Art & Craft Workshop, Workshop on Dance Therapy and Music Therapy and international performances.

The **International Art and Craft Exhibition** was inaugurated by **Shri Navneet Soni, IRS**, Member Secretary of National Monuments Authority, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Exhibits were displayed by Divyang artists from Bhutan, Uzbekistan, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and India. **International Art and Craft Workshop** was held for all the participants and it was a tribute to learning from each other, across the cultures towards an inclusive global society. The Divyang artists from Uzbekistan conducted a special workshop on making art objects from straw. On the first day 10<sup>th</sup> November, **Workshops on Classical Dance Therapy** were held. They were conducted by **Supun Dance Academy, Sri Lanka** and **A.L.P.A.N.A.** On third day 12 November, **Workshop on Music & Rhythm Therapy** was held. It was conducted by **Salubrious Productions, Australia**.

The inaugural event on the first evening started with a short film on the journey of **SAMBHAV**. Cultural programme started with a fabulous performance by the special students of 'A.L.P.A.N.A.' who presented **Ganesha Vandana** in Odissi style. Other groups who performed were **NIVH - Dehradun (India)**, **Kenya**, **THPI- Hyderabad(India)**, **JPUF - Bangladesh**, **Sristi K C - Nepal**, **Cherry Blossom Society - Kohima(India)**, **Vietnam**, **Supun Dance Academy - Sri Lanka**, **KDSS - Bhopal (India)**. **Shri Brij Raj Sharma, IAS**, Special Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs & Former Chief Secretary, J&K was the Chief Guest and **H.E. Mrs Chitraganee Wagiswara**, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India and **Shri Mukund L. Srivastav, IFTS**, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture were the Distinguished Guests.

On the second day, in the morning there was **International Yoga Workshop** which was inaugurated by **Dr Ishwar V Basavaraddi**, Director, **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga**, Govt of India and then yoga workshop was conducted by **Prof. Dr. R. M. Acharya**, from **S-VYASA University**, Bengaluru. The workshop was held on 11 and 12 November. There were sessions of **International Seminars** on "Challenges of working with Divayang Persons (Physically and Mentally challenged persons) for inclusive growth with special focus on inclusive arts: shared experiences" spread over two days and coordinated by Seminar Chair, **Dr. N.K. Dhamija, MBBS, MD**, Joint Secretary and Deputy Commissioner in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker for the **Inauguration of Seminar** was **Dr. Prabodh Seth, IRS**, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. **Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi N.**, Expert Psychologist presided over the inaugural session of international seminar. In different sessions of the seminar, presentations were done by resource persons from **Australia, Bangladesh, India (three groups), South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Mauritius and Vietnam**. The Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker for the **Valediction of Seminar** was **Mr. Pradeep Kapur, IPS**, Director, **CIRA**, Government of India.

**SAMBHAV 2017** had a **Forum on International Cooperation**, where Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) were signed between **A.L.P.A.N.A Society** and organizations from **Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mauritius, Russia, and Thailand** in presence of the Chief Guest of the Forum event, **Dr. K Rajeshwar Rao, IAS**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

On the second day of **International Performances**, **H.E. Ambassador Sanjay Verma, IFS**, Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and **Mr N. K. Verma**, Managing Director, **ONGC Videsh**. The specially gifted students of **A.L.P.A.N.A. Institute** presented a band. Other groups who performed were **The All-Russian Association of the Blind -Russia**, **K. Manasa - Hyderabad (India)**, **Yangon Education Centre for the Blind- Myanmar**, **Smt. M. K. Mehta School for the Visually Impaired - Gujarat(India)**, **Uzbekistan**, **Cotagala Special School- Sri Lanka**, **MPVSS - Ujjain (India)**. At last students of **A.L.P.A.N.A.** performed a **Rajasthanti folk dance** and mesmerized the audience with their spectacular performances.

For the closing ceremony of **International Performances** on the third day, the Chief Guest was **Justice Dr. Arijit Pasayat**, Former Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court and Former Chief Justice, Odisha and Delhi High Courts. The Distinguished Guests were **Prof. Randeep Guleria**, Director, All India Inst of Medical Sciences; **Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, IA&AS**, Addl Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; **Mr. Sunil Chaturvedi, CMD**, Tractors India; and **Mr. C. R. Garg, DANICS**, Special Secretary, CMO, Delhi. Artists from **A.L.P.A.N.A. (India)**, **Salubrious Productions- Australia**, **Meysam Khataminia - Iran**, **PAMENCAP - Telengana (India)**, **DPAB - Bhutan**, **Pathum Uyana - Sri Lanka**, **PRAYAS Centre for Special Education & Vocational Training - Jaipur (India)**, **Surabaya University of Indonesia- Indonesia**, **Disability Magister Program-Indonesia** and **KDSS - Bhopal (India)** performed so well and with so much energy and perfect coordination that it was hard to believe that they were Divyangjan.

"I have never seen such talent and vigor in artistic performances by Divyang artists who are from four continents. **SAMBHAV 2017** is a unique platform globally and India should take it to higher and higher levels," said **Justice Dr. Arijit Pasayat**, the Chief Guest while addressing the audience at the close of **SAMBHAV**. He congratulated **A.L.P.A.N.A** for organizing the grand event, **SAMBHAV** for last twelve years.



The Divyang participants in SAMBHAV 2017 were taken on **Exposure Visits to Schools** in NCR where interaction with school students on inclusive and composite culture of India was highlighted. **Exposure Visits to World Heritage Sites** was organized for Divyang artists participating in SAMBHAV 2017 to highlight the fact that Incredible India is also Inclusive India.

**BHUTAN VISIT:** In accordance with the objectives of the project titled "WORKSHOP ON Odissi CLASSICAL Dance and COLLABORATIVE performance in Bhutan." sanctioned by the India Bhutan Foundation, Delhi, Guru Alpana Nayak travelled to Thimphu, accompanied by her associate teacher Ms Prapti Gupta from 16 November 2017 to 23 November 2017.

Universal Children's Rights Day also known as Vishwa Bal Adhikaar Divas in India is celebrated every year on 20<sup>th</sup> November to increase the awareness of people towards the rights, care and education of the children. This year Ministry of Women & Child Development, GoI organised a week long programme on this occasion. On a special invitation from National Commission for Promotion of Child Rights (NCPCR) Divyang students of A.L.P.A.N.A. performed at **Bal Utsav** on 18<sup>th</sup> November at IGNC, Janpath, New Delhi.

Guru Smt A.L.P.A.N.A. along with her most talented students mesmerised the audience with their superb performance at **INTERNATIONAL ODISSI DANCE FESTIVAL-2017** held at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 26th December 2017.

Special students of A.L.P.A.N.A. participated in different competitions at **ABILITY UTSAV** organised by YMCA, Delhi in February 2018. They brought laurels to the NGO by winning many prizes such as 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Group Dance Competition. Abhishek Rana won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Solo Dance and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Best out of Waste competition, Preeti got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Solo Dance, Pallavi Joshi got 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Painting competition, Tanmay Aggarwal won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Painting and Tanisha Garg and Kanya Saxena won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Painting Competition. AGM and Elections of the Society were conducted on 4 March 2018.

**ACTIVITIES DURING 2018-19:** Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples performed at Odisha Divas Samaroha 2018 organised by the office of the Residence Commissioner, Odisha in Delhi at Shri Sathya Sai International Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

Our talented Odissi Dancers mesmerised the audience with their performances at Utkal Divas celebration organised by Utkal Samaja, Ludhiana on 8 April 2018.

Our talented Odissi Dancers Prapti Gupta and Pihu Shrivastava mesmerised the audience with their performances at Delhi Odissi Utsav organised by Vaishali Kala Kendra at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, ICCR, Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**BHUTAN VISIT:** In accordance with the objectives of the project titled "WORKSHOP ON Odissi CLASSICAL Dance and COLLABORATIVE performance in Bhutan." Guru Smt Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples Prapti Gupta, Pihu Shrivastava, Disha Kannan and Anoushka Agrawal travelled to Thimphu from 9 April 2018 to 19 April 2018. Along with the workshops they gave scintillating performances at Nehru Wangchuk Cultural Centre, Thimphu, College of Education, Paro and College of Natural Resources, Punakha. After the completion of the Workshops at NWCC the participants of the Workshop presented Odissi Dance at the event of Grand finale at Indian Embassy auditorium on 18 April. The highlight of the event was a fusion Dance presented jointly by the artists of Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA), Bhutan and Guru Alpana Nayak's troupe in which Bhutanese dancers danced on Odissi music and odissi dancers presented odissi dance on Bhutanese music. It was first of its kind and the audience gave standing ovation.

**NRITYANJALI:** An ode to Dance was organised by A.L.P.A.N.A. at Vasuki Auditorium, Lok Kala Manch, 20, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 28th April 2018 on the eve of World Dance Day where Guru Smt. Alpana Nayak along with her senior disciples and most talented upcoming Odissi dancers Miss Amrit Setia, Miss Devika Seth & Dr Vaishali Saini presented special choreography in Odissi Dance style.